

MEMPHIS AREA NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MANDCO)

The mission to restore a distressed community to a livable neighborhood was the driving force behind MANDCO's desire to create a rental housing program. The Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) status opened the door to affordable housing for our community-based effort to reclaim the target area.

Since the inception of our project, (27) single-family houses have been rehabilitated or built to house very low-income families. The three-bedroom houses, which are located on two (2) streets in the MANDCO target area, have significantly improved the housing stock available to single mothers with children. The affordable rent has rendered these families an opportunity to develop a lifestyle that ultimately can become a precursor to homeownership.





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The families have enjoyed the benefits of living in a community offering housing that is close to shopping, schools, and public transportation. The community has watched a steady rise in the stabilization efforts of a neighborhood that was virtually plagued with every "social dislocation" that exists in blighted communities. The "one-block" approach, a slow, but ongoing process, continues to include the City of Memphis Housing and Community Development as a key partner. Presently, the rental-housing project is serving individuals from the most under-served segment of our community, thirty-two (32) women and fifty-three (53) children.



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